



Continuing Education Guide

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Purpose of Continuing Education Guide

This guide is intended to assist licensees in understanding Continuing Education (CE) requirements and locating answers to common CE related questions.

Please note that following this guide does not guarantee acceptance of CE credits or confirmation of compliance with CE requirements. This guide is provided for informational purposes only and reflects a summary of applicable laws and regulations.

This guide does not constitute legal advice. If you require a legal interpretation of any regulation or statute referenced below, you should consult an attorney of your choosing. For CE related questions that do not require legal interpretations, you may contact the Board's Licensing Department at nsbde@dental.nv.gov.

Approved CE Course Types

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners accepts CE credits from education providers approved by the following organizations (NAC 631.173)

- Any Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners approved CE course
- American Dental Association (ADA)
- American Dental Hygienists Association
- Academy of General Dentistry
- Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists
- Any university, college, or community college in or outside the state of Nevada
- Any hospital accredited by the Joint Commission

* Note — Unless otherwise specified in a Stipulation Agreement, CE credits earned and required to satisfy a disciplinary probation term cannot count toward annual or biennial compliance and generally must be earned in addition to CE credits for licensure.

General CE Requirements *(for all licenses)*

All licensees, regardless of license type, must complete the following:

- Within (2) years from the license issue date, you must complete 4 CE credits related to Bioterrorism. See NRS 631.342(2) for details.
- Within (2) years from the license issue date, you must complete 2 CE credits related to Screening, Brief intervention, and Referral to Treatment approach to Substance Abuse Disorder (SBIRT) NRS 631.342(5)
- Licensees who hold a special endorsement to administer immunizations must complete 2 CE credits in the subject of the life cycle of diseases, drugs, and the administration of immunizations biennially. See NRS 631.342 (6) b-d for details.

Dentist CE Renewal Requirements

For licensees seeking renewal, all CE hours must be completed during the license's active period. CE credit hours may not be transferred or carried over to another licensing period.

Biennial Licenses *(General & Specialty Dentists)*

General Dentists and Specialty Dentists hold **Biennial Licenses**, which are valid for up to two (2) years and expire on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. Licenses issued during an even-numbered year may have a shorter initial term. Licensees must renew prior to the expiration date to remain in good standing.

To successfully renew a biennial license, license holders must meet the following:

➤ **Total Hour Requirement**

Submit proof of completion of 40 CE credit hours biennially per NAC 631.173 (1). The following limitations for CE credits apply:

- a) Only 3 hours of group study are allowed per licensing period;
- b) Only 3 hours of professional society meeting attendance are allowed per licensing period;
- c) Only 20 hours may be completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study; and
- d) For approved dental services in a public health/non-profit setting, a total of 6 hours for volunteer clinical services are allowed per licensing period. Please note there is a maximum credit hour limit of 3 hours a day per volunteer service.

➤ **Clinical Hour Requirement**

A minimum of 30 hours in clinical subject (dental and medical health, preventative services, dental diagnosis and treatment planning, and dental clinical procedures) is required biennially. *NAC 631.175 (2); NAC 631.175 (1)(a)*

➤ **CPR Certification**

Maintain current certification taught by a certified instructor (*NAC 631.173(3)*).

➤ **Infection Control Requirement**

A dentist must complete 4 hours of infection control CE credits biennially (*NAC 631.175(4)*).

➤ **Controlled Substance Requirement**

A dentist registered to prescribe controlled substances must complete 2 hours of CEs regarding the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction biennially. (*NAC 631.175(5)*).

➤ **Requirement for General Anesthesia or Moderate Sedation Dentist Permit Holders**

A dentist who holds a permit for general anesthesia or moderate sedation must complete 6 hours of anesthesia or sedation CE credits biennially. These anesthesia or sedation credits can be applied to the overall CE requirement. (*NAC 631.2256.*)

Annual Licenses *(Limited, Restricted Geographical, & Restricted Low-Income Employer Licensees)*

Limited, Restricted Geographical, & Restricted Low-Income Employer licensees hold **Annual Licenses**, which are valid for 365 days from the date of issuance. Licensees must renew prior to the expiration date to remain in good standing.

To successfully renew an annual license, license holders must meet the following:

➤ **Total Hour Requirement**

Submit proof of completion of 20 CE credit hours annually per *NAC 631.173 (1)*. The following limitations for CE credits apply:

- a) Only 3 hours of group study are allowed per licensing period;
- b) Only 3 hours of professional society meeting attendance are allowed per licensing period;
- c) Only 10 hours may be completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study; and
- d) For approved dental services in a public health/non-profit setting, a total of 6 hours for volunteer clinical services are allowed per licensing period. Please note there is a maximum credit hour limit of 3 hours a day per volunteer service.
 - a. Note that if you are employed by a non-profit or a federally qualified health center (FQHC), your regular employment, even if in a public health or non-profit setting, cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. You would have to volunteer in a public health capacity outside of your employer to qualify for these credits.

➤ **Clinical Hour Requirement**

A minimum of 15 hours in clinical subject (dental and medical health, preventative services, dental diagnosis and treatment planning, and dental clinical procedures) is required biennially. *NAC 631.175 (2); NAC 631.175 (1)(a)*

➤ **CPR Certification**

Maintain current certification taught by a certified instructor (*NAC 631.173(3)*).

➤ **Infection Control Requirement**

A dentist must complete 2 hours of infection control CE credits biennially (*NAC 631.175(4)*).

➤ **Controlled Substance Requirement**

A dentist registered to prescribe controlled substances must complete 2 hours of CEs regarding the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction biennially. (*NAC 631.175(5)*).

➤ **Requirement for General Anesthesia or Moderate Sedation Dentist Permit Holders**

A dentist who holds a permit for general anesthesia or moderate sedation must complete 6 hours of anesthesia or sedation CE credits biennially. These anesthesia or sedation credits can be applied to the overall CE requirement. As these license types are renewed annually, it is expected that at least 3 CE credits in anesthesia or sedation be completed by the time the permit holder applies for renewal. (*NAC 631.2256*.)

Dentist CE Renewal Requirements Table

Licensees may use the far-right column in the table below to track their CE credits for the current licensure period and determine whether they meet the minimum requirements.

Biennial CE Renewal Requirements *(General and Specialty Dentists)*

Biennial CE Requirements	Required Hours	Licensee CE Hours <i>(Enter your hours below)</i>
Total CE Hours:	40	
➤ Clinical CE Hours:	30 out of 40 hours	
➤ Live-Instruction (webinar/in-person) CE Hours:	20 out of 40 hours	
➤ Infection Control Hours:	4 out of 40 hours	
Additional Permits/Endorsements		
<i>If you hold one of the permits below, you must complete the corresponding CE requirement</i>		
Sedation/Anesthesia Hours:	6	
DEA/Controlled Substance Hours:	2	
Special Endorsement Immunizations:	2	
One-Time CE Requirements <i>(to be completed with two (2) years of initial licensure)</i>		
Bioterrorism	4	
SBIRT	2	

Annual CE Renewal Requirements

(Limited, Restricted Geographical, & Restricted Low-Income Licensees)

Annual CE Requirements	Dentist Hours Needed	Licensee CE Hours <i>(Enter your hours below)</i>
Total CE Hours:	20	
➤ Clinical CE Hours:	15 out of 20 hours	
➤ Live-Instruction (webinar/in-person) CE Hours:	10 out of 20 hours	
➤ Infection Control Hours:	2 out of 20 hours	
Additional Permits/Endorsements		
<i>If you hold one of the permits below, you must complete the corresponding CE requirement</i>		
Sedation/Anesthesia Hours:	3	
DEA/Controlled Substance Hours:	1	
Special Endorsement Immunizations:	1	
One-Time CE Requirements <i>(to be completed with two (2) years of initial licensure)</i>		
Bioterrorism	4	
SBIRT	2	

Dental Hygienist CE Renewal Requirements

For licensees seeking renewal, all CE hours must be completed during the license's active period. CE credit hours may not be transferred or carried over to another licensing period.

Biennial Licenses *(Registered Dental Hygienist)*

Registered Dental Hygienists hold **Biennial Licenses**, which are valid for up to two (2) years and expire on June 30 of each even-numbered year. Licenses issued during an odd-numbered year may have a shorter initial term. Licensees must renew prior to the expiration date to remain in good standing.

To successfully renew a biennial license, license holders must meet the following:

➤ **Total Hour Requirement**

Submit proof of completion of 30 CE credit hours biennially per *NAC 631.173 (1)*. The following limitations for CE credits apply:

- e) Only 3 hours of group study are allowed per licensing period;
- f) Only 3 hours of professional society meeting attendance are allowed per licensing period;
- g) Only 15 hours may be completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study; and
- h) For approved dental services in a public health/non-profit setting, a total of 6 hours for volunteer clinical services are allowed per licensing period. Please note there is a maximum credit hour limit of 3 hours a day per volunteer service.

➤ **Clinical Hour Requirement**

A minimum of 24 hours in clinical subject (dental and medical health, preventative services, dental diagnosis and treatment planning, and dental clinical procedures) is required biennially. *NAC 631.175 (2); NAC 631.175 (1)(a)*

➤ **CPR Certification**

Maintain current certification taught by a certified instructor (*NAC 631.173(3)*).

➤ **Infection Control Requirement**

A dental hygienist must complete 4 hours of infection control CE credits biennially (*NAC 631.175(4)*).

Annual Licenses *(Limited and Restricted Geographical Licensees)*

Limited and Restricted Geographical licensees hold **Annual Licenses**, which are valid for 365 days from the date of issuance. Licensees must renew prior to the expiration date to remain in good standing.

To successfully renew an annual license, license holders must meet the following:

➤ **Total Hour Requirement**

Submit proof of completion of 15 CE credit hours biennially per *NAC 631.173 (1)*. The following limitations for CE credits apply:

- i) Only 3 hours of group study are allowed per licensing period;
- j) Only 3 hours of professional society meeting attendance are allowed per licensing period;

- k) Only 7.5 hours may be completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study; and
 - l) For approved dental services in a public health/non-profit setting, a total of 6 hours for volunteer clinical services are allowed per licensing period. Please note there is a maximum credit hour limit of 3 hours a day per volunteer service.
- **Clinical Hour Requirement**
A minimum of 30 hours in clinical subject (dental and medical health, preventative services, dental diagnosis and treatment planning, and dental clinical procedures) is required biennially. *NAC 631.175 (2); NAC 631.175 (1)(a)*
- **CPR Certification**
A dental hygienist must maintain current certification taught by a certified instructor (*NAC 631.173(3)*).
- **Infection Control Requirement**
A dental hygienist must complete 4 hours of infection control CE credits biennially (*NAC 631.175(4)*).

Dental Hygienist CE Renewal Requirements Table

Licensees may use the far-right column in the table below to track their CE credits for the current licensure period and determine whether they meet the minimum requirements.

Biennial CE Renewal Requirements *(Registered Dental Hygienists)*

Biennial CE Requirements	Dentist Hours Needed	Licensee CE Hours (Enter your hours below)
Total CE Hours:	30	
➤ Clinical CE Hours:	24 out of 30 hours	
➤ Live-Instruction (webinar/in-person) CE Hours:	15 out of 30 hours	
➤ Infection Control Hours:	4 out of 30 hours	
Additional Permits/Endorsements		
<i>If you hold one of the permits below, you must complete the corresponding CE requirement</i>		
Sedation/Anesthesia Hours:	N/A	
DEA/Controlled Substance Hours:	N/A	
Special Endorsement Immunizations:	2	
One-Time CE Requirements (to be completed with two (2) years of initial licensure)		
Bioterrorism	4	
SBIRT	2	

Annual CE Renewal Requirements

(Limited or Restricted Geographical Licensees)

Annual CE Requirements	Dentist Hours Needed	Licensee CE Hours (Enter your hours below)
Total CE Hours:	15	
➤ Clinical CE Hours:	12 out of 15 hours	
➤ Live-Instruction (webinar/in-person) CE Hours:	7.5 out of 15 hours	
➤ Infection Control Hours:	2 out of 15 hours	
Additional Permits/Endorsements		
<i>If you hold one of the permits below, you must complete the corresponding CE requirement</i>		
Sedation/Anesthesia Hours:	N/A	
DEA/Controlled Substance Hours:	N/A	
Special Endorsement Immunizations:	1	
One-Time CE Requirements (to be completed with two (2) years of initial licensure)		
Bioterrorism	4	
SBIRT	2	

Reinstatement CE Requirements

Only biennial licensees are eligible to reinstate their license. If an annual licensee has their license revoked, they must reapply for licensure.

Biennial Licenses *(General Dentists, Specialty Dentists, and Registered Dental Hygienists)*

Pursuant to *NAC 631.170(f)*, individuals with a Non-Active or Expired Biennial license may apply to reinstate their license to Active status. As part of the application process, applicants must complete and report Continuing Education (CE) credits for the licensure year (July 1 – June 30) in which reinstatement is sought. CE requirements are prorated by quarter based on the date the reinstatement application is submitted.

All CE hours must be earned within the current licensure year. CE credits from prior licensure periods will not be accepted toward reinstatement requirements.

Reinstatement applicants must meet the **prorated total CE hour requirement**, including the minimum requirements for **clinical subjects, infection control, and live/in-person instruction**.

- **Clinical Subjects** (include, but are not limited to):
Dental and medical health, preventive services, diagnosis, treatment, and clinical procedures.
- **Non-clinical subjects** (include, but are not limited to):
Dental practice management, patient management, teaching methodology, and methods of healthcare delivery.

All CE hours must be completed within the applicable licensure period. CE credits may not be transferred or carried over to another licensing period.

Pro-Rated Reinstatement CE Requirements for Dentists

(General and Specialty)

Licensure Year: July 1 – June 30				
If you are seeking reinstatement between...	Total CEs Required for Reinstatement	Minimum Clinical Hours* (remaining hours may be non-clinical or clinical)	Minimum Infection Control Hours* (will count towards total CE as clinical hours)	Minimum Live/ In-Person Instruction Hours* (live webinars are counted as live-instruction hours)
July - September	5 CE	4 CE	2 CE	2.5 CE
October - December	10 CE	7.5 CE	2 CE	5 CE
January - March	15 CE	11.5 CE	2 CE	7.5 CE
April - June	20 CE	15 CE	2 CE	10 CE
* The hours listed for each category (i.e., clinical CEs, infection control, and live/in-person CEs) will count towards the total CE hours required. These CEs are not additional hours but represent the minimum requirement permitted for each category.				

Pro-Rated Reinstatement CE Requirements for Dental Hygienists

(Registered Dental Hygienists)

Licensure Year: July 1 – June 30				
If you are seeking reinstatement between...	Total CEs Required for Reinstatement	Minimum Clinical Subject Hours* (remaining hours may be non-clinical or clinical)	Minimum Infection Control Hours*	Minimum Live-Instruction Hours* (live webinars are counted as live-instruction hours)
July - September	4 CE	3 CE	2 CE	2 CE
October - December	7.5 CE	6 CE	2 CE	4 CE
January - March	11.5 CE	9 CE	2 CE	6 CE
April - June	15 CE	12 CE	2 CE	7.5 CE
* The hours listed for each category (i.e., clinical CEs, infection control, and live/in-person CEs) will count towards the total CE hours required. These CEs are not additional hours but represent the minimum requirement permitted for each category.				

Resources

Helpful Links

1. **Board Approved CE Courses List**
Website: [NSBDE Approved CE Courses](#)
Phone number: 702-486-7044
2. **Nevada System of Higher Education**
Website: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/>
Phone number (North): 775.784.4901
Phone number (South): 775.889.8426
3. **Nevada Governing Laws**
NRS 631: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-631.html>
NAC 631: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/nac-631.html>

Dental Associations/Societies

4. **American Dental Association (ADA)**
Website: <https://www.ada.org/contact-us>
Email: msc@ada.org
Phone: 312.440.2500
5. **Nevada Dental Association**
Website: <https://www.nvda.org/>
Email: <https://www.nvda.org/contact-us>
Phone number: 775.558.9404
6. **Nevada Dental Hygienist Association**
Website: <https://nvdha.com/>
Email: NEVADADENTALHYGIENE@GMAIL.COM
Phone number: 775.453.0605
7. **Northeastern Nevada Dental Society**
Website: <https://www.nvda.org/contact-us>
8. **Northern Nevada Dental Society**
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Email: nnds@nndental.org
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